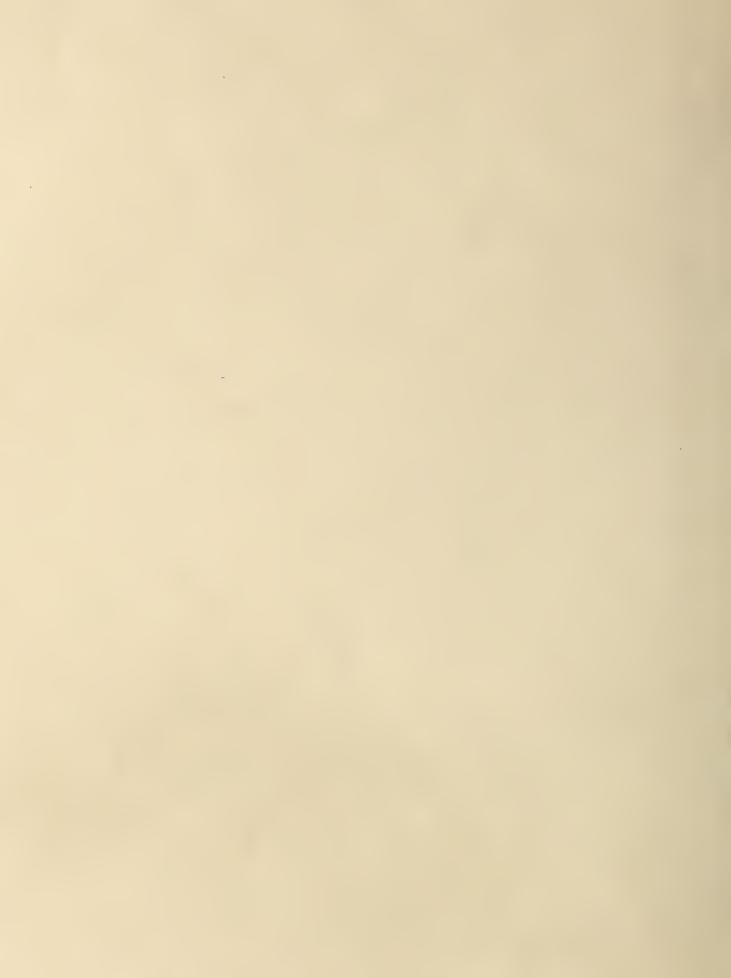
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK CURRENT SERIAL REGURDS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE...SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE and

COLORADO AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, STATE ENGINEER of COLORADO and STATE ENGINEER of NEW MEXICO

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To Recipients of Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Fortunately, most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from fore-knowledge of the runoff.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, about 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

By relating snow survey measurements taken over a period of years to spring-summer runoff during the same period, relationships have been developed which make it possible to forecast seasonal runoff several months in advance of occurrence. In order to make a forecast, once a forecast relationship has been developed, the maximum snow water content at previously selected key snow courses is usually entered in the forecast relationship. More accurate forecasts are often obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast relationships.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions.

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DUE TO THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S ABOVE NORMAL SNOW FALL,
ALL AREAS OF COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO CAN STILL EXPECT
AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WATER THIS SUMMER. MOST

* MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS HAVE GOOD SOIL MOISTURE.



Colorado's prospects for water supplies this summer are better than any time since 1957. March did not add materially to the snow pack, but soils are wet and all streams are being forecast higher than normal. Reservoir storage is good except on the Arkansas. Streamflow on the Arkansas should be high enough to relieve any reservoir shortages. Streams are currently running normal or better.



This year should see some relief in the water situation that has persisted in New Mexico. All streams are forecast normal or above and with good soil moisture this should be a good water supply year.

The main stem of the Rio Grande is forecast higher than any time since 1957 and should help replace some of the depleted reservoir storage. Valley soils are reported as fairly wet.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

THE MAP ON THIS PAGE INDICATES THE MOST PROBABLE WATER SUPPLY AS OF THE DATE OF THIS REPORT. ESTIMATES ASSUME AVERAGE CONDITIONS OF SNOW FALL, PRECIPITATION AND OTHER FACTORS FROM THIS DATE TO THE END OF THE FORECAST PERIOD. AS THE SEASON PROGRESSES ACCURACY OF ESTIMATES IMPROVE. IN ADDITION TO EXPECTED STREAMFLOW, RESERVOIR STORAGE, SOIL MOISTURE IN IRRIGATED AREAS, AND OTHER FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED IN ESTIMATING WATER SUPPLY. ESTIMATES APPLY TO IRRIGATED AREAS ALONG THE MAIN STREAMS AND MAY NOT INDICATE CONDITIONS ON SMALL TRIBUTARIES.

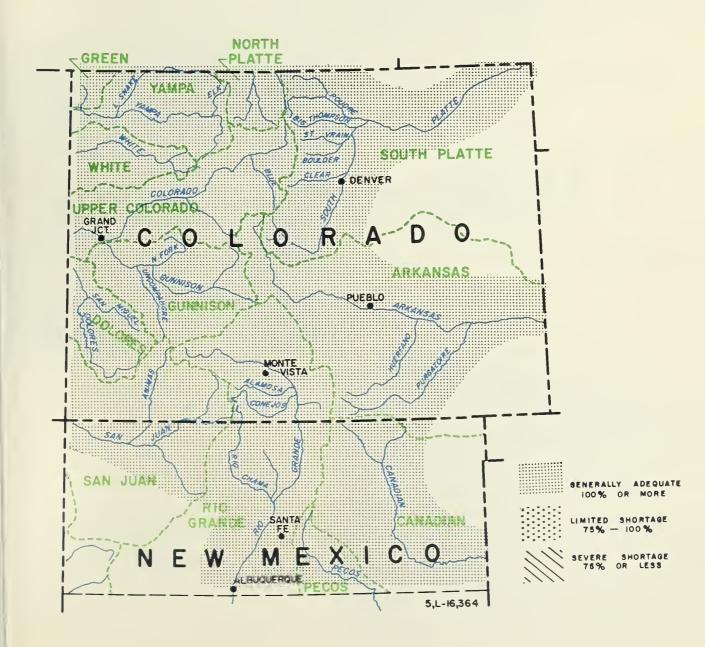


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

YOUR WATER SUPPLY

R. D. Anderson¹

Water supplies for irrigation this year in Colorado will vary from slightly above normal to 150% of normal. The San Juan, Animas, San Miguel and Dolores drainages will be from normal to 10% above normal. All other drainages will be from 125 to 150% of normal.

This favorable outlook for irrigation water is due to three things. These are: above normal snow pack, excellent soil moisture, and much greater reservoir storage than last year.

Before the irrigation season starts, find out from your irrigation or ditch company about how much water you are likely to receive and for how long over the season it will be available. KNOW FOR SURE HOW MUCH WATER IS DELIVERED TO YOUR FARM.

On the basis of this generally favorable irrigation water supply season, you should consider the following:

- Acreages of high water using crops such as alfalfa, irrigated pasture, corn and sugar beets might be increased over last year. You can get assistance from your Soil Conservation Service Technician or County Agent in planning kinds and acres of crops with your expected water supply.
- 2. Maintain the soil fertility levels high enough so that lack of needed plant nutrients does not lower production.
- 3. Do not over-irrigate or waste water because it is plentiful as this may:
 - a. Leach out needed plant nutrients.
 - b. Increase seepage and salt problems or create new seep areas.
 - c. Increase erosion.
- 4. Consider doing some or all of the following if needed on your farm to make better use of available water:
 - a. Keep ditches clean.
 - b. Replace leaky, worn out structures such as gates and turnouts.
 - c. Line leaky ditches.
 - d. Do not keep irrigation sets on longer than necessary to replace the used water in the root zone area of each crop. Know the root zone depths and water holding capacities of your soils.
 - e. Do not use erosive heads of water.

YOUR SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE TECHNICIAN CAN HELP YOU ON ALL OF THESE ITEMS.

R. D. Anderson, State Soil Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Denver, Colorado, Water Supply Outlook and Federal-State Private Cooperative Snow Survey for Colorado and New Mexico, April 1, 1962.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

April 1, 1962

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SNOW COVER

Snow cover over the entire South Platte watershed averages 115% of normal. Warm temperatures and below normal snow fall during the past month decreased the low elevation snow pack since March 1. Water content of the snow pack ranges from 75% of normal at low elevations to 160% at the higher levels. Boulder Creek is the only tributary with SOIL MOISTURE below normal snow pack.

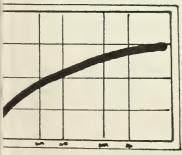
Soil moisture in the South Platte watershed is near record high. This condition will increase the flow expected from the melting snows.

RESERVOIR STORAGE



Water stored in the reservoirs on the South Platte watershed is about 140% of normal. This water will be an excellent supplement to the spring runoff for irrigation this summer.

EXPECTED STREAMFLOW



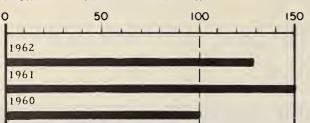
Above average streamflow, soil moisture and reservoir storage are all bright prospects for good water supply this coming season. Tributaries to the South Platte River vary from 107% of normal on the Saint Vrain to 130% on the Big Thompson and Clear Creek Rivers.

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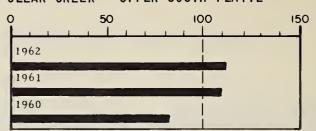
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IN PERCENT OF 1943-57 AVERAGE

CACHE LA POUDRE - BOULDER



CLEAR CREEK - UPPER SOUTH PLATTE



RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 AC. FT.)

SOIL MOISTURE

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RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	15 YEAR AVERAGE 1943 - 57	STATION	CAPACITY (INCHES)	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE (ALL PAST DATA)
Antero	33.0	15.7	15.7	14.4	Alpine Camp	7.0	3.3	1.3	1.2
Barr Lake	32.2	24.9	28.7	21.3	Beaver Dam	6.0	4.6	0.4	1.0
Black Hollow	8.0	5.1	2.1	3.4	Feather	6.0	0.6	0.1	0.7
Boyd Lake	44.0	4.1	33.2	17.5	Guard Station		2.7	0.4	1.0
Cache La Poudr	e 9.5	8.6	7.2	6.6	Hoop Creek	6.0	5.1	0.5	1.4
Carter Lake *	108.9	102.6	85.6	64.8	Hoosier Pass	7.0	4.6	0.1	1.7
Chambers Lake	8.8	6.6	2.0	2.1	Kenosha Pass	7.0	1.6	0.1	1.7
Cheeseman	79.0	77.9	70.0	49.2	Laramie Road	7.0			1.7
Cobb Lake	34.3	20.4	13.0	5.6	Two Mile	8.0	5.4	0.7	2.6
Eleven Mile	81.9	97.8	97.8	69.2	Clear Creek	8.0	4.2	0.5	1.3
Fossil Creek	11.6	8.5	9.5	7.1					
Gross	43.1	32.0	18.4						
Halligan	6.4	4.6	4.9	2.0					
Horsetooth *	143.5	135.1	112.2	99.4					
Lake Loveland	14.3	7.8	7.8	5.7		I Promis		D	' '
Lone Tree	9.2	7.3	6.1	6.5	AI	LL PROFIL	ES 4 FEET	DEEP	
Mariano	5.4	4.8	4.0	2.6					
Marshall	10.3	7.1	2.8	2.2					
Marston	18.9	15.6	12.0	14.7					
Milton	24.4	14.2	15.9	10.8					
Standley	18.5	14.5	11.0	10.9					
Terry Lake	8.2	5.9	5.4	4.4					
Union	12.7	12.0	8.8	6.9					
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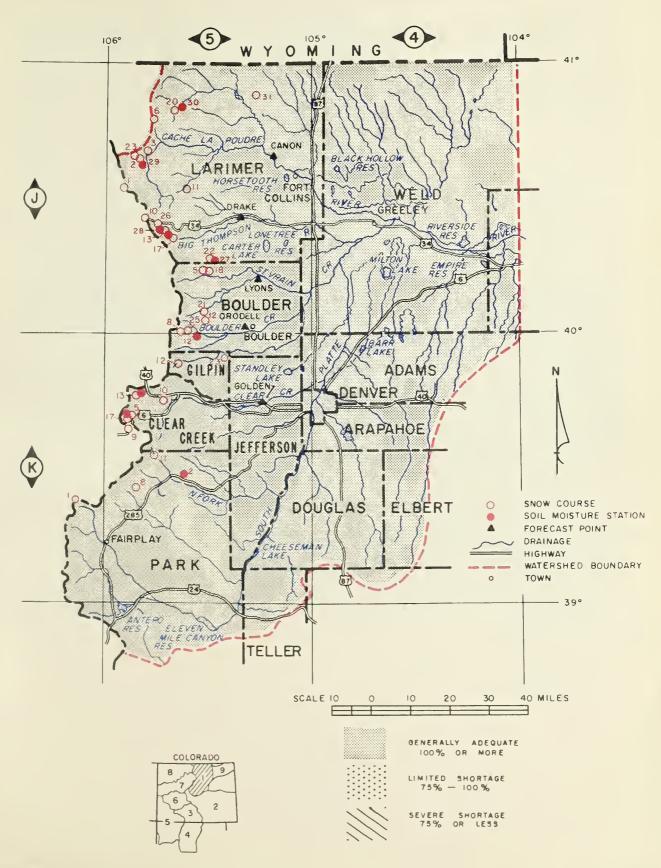
STATION AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER AVE. DEP. AVE. DEC-FED				
Upper South Platte	8.07	+3.71	2.06	+.47

PRELIMINARY U.S. WEATHER BUREAU DATA AVERAGE OF SELECTED STATIONS

STREAM AND STATION	FORECAS APRIL SEPT.		AVERAGE 1943-57
Big Thompson at Drake (2 Boulder at Orodell Cache La Poudre at Canor Clear Creek at Golden (3 Saint Vrain at Lyons	1(1)21 3) 18	4 116	106 55 189 137 84

- (1) Observed flow minus diversions from Michigan, Colorado and Laramie rivers, plus diversions for irrigation and municipal use above station.
- (2) Observed flow plus by-pass to power plants.
- (3) Observed flow minus diversions through Jones Tunnel.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO



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SNOW COURSE	NO.	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER CO (INCHE LAST YEAR	(S)
SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES Baltimore Berthoud Falls Big South Boulder Falls Cameron Pass Chambers Lake Copeland Lake Deadman Hill Deer Ridge Empire Geneva Park Grizzly Peak Grizzly Peak Grizzly Peak Hidden Valley Hoosier Pass Hour Glass Lake Jefferson Creek Lake Irene (B) Long's Peak Lost Lake Loveland Pass Loveland Lift No. 1 Pine Creek Red Feather Two Mile University Camp Ward Wild Basin	5K23 5K13 5J3 5J25 5J1 5J2 5J18 5J6 5J17 5K10 5K11 5K9 5J13 6K1 5J11 5K8 5J10 5J22	3/30 3/30 4/1 3/30 3/29 4/1 3/29 3/28 3/31 3/30 NS 3/27 3/30 3/28 3/27 3/30 3/29 3/27 3/31 4/1 3/29 3/27 3/30 3/29 3/29 3/29 3/30 3/29	31 48 9 47 99 37 13 56 29 36 64 53 49 26 37 74 43 47 55 88 6 29 70 65 25 41	9.1 13.2 2.1 12.5 38.9 10.1 4.0 17.2 9.4 9.7 21.3 16.1 15.3 6.9 11.7 31.7 11.8 13.1 19.2 30.7 2.3 7.6 23.3 21.5 6.8 10.1	7.8 10.7 2.6 11.6 22.3 6.7 4.3 15.4 4.3 8.0 2.6 16.3 10.4 6.2 8.4 14.1 7.3 8.5 15.3 21.5 5.2 8.9 11.9 16.5 7.5 11.1	14.6* 2.7 15.4* 24.9 8.8 5.3* 16.8 5.9* 7.8* 4.2* 18.9 12.4 13.1 9.2 9.8 22.9 11.8* 15.8 8.8 15.3* 24.5 7.1* 15.0
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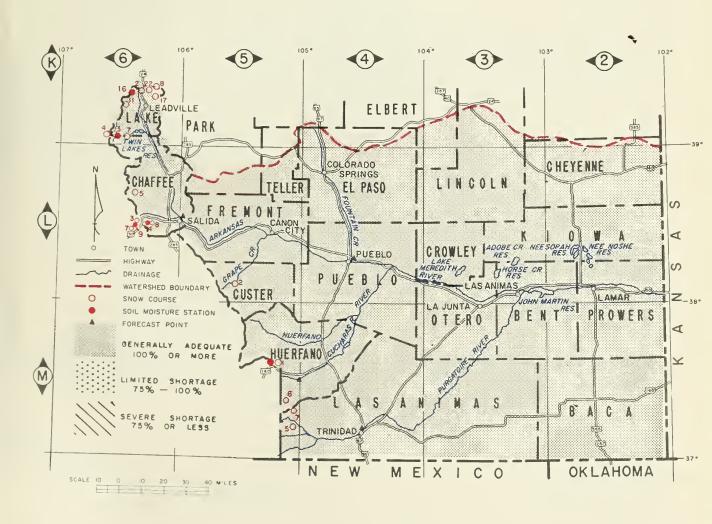
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SNOW COURSE	NO.	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER C (INCHE LAST YEAR	
ARKANSAS RIVER Blue Lakes Bigelow Divide Bourbon Cooper Hill Cucharas Pass East Fork Four Mile Park Fremont Pass Garfield LaVeta Pass (B) Monarch Pass St. Elmo (A) Tennessee Pass Tomichi Twin Lakes Tunnel Westcliffe	5M6 5L3 5M5 6K23 5M7 6K17 6K8 6L8 5M1 6L4 6L5 6K2 6L7 6K3 5L2	NS	31 33 58 40 28 66 52 28 65 60 45 46 47 29	5.9 6.7 14.1 	9.7 8.6 7.2 4.5 14.9 10.0 18.4 9.7 8.6 10.4 6.8 8.2	9.9* 4.0 16.9 8.1 18.6 12.5* 10.9 6.0*

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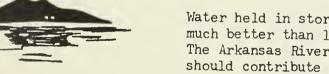
SNOW COVER

Snow cover on the Arkansas River watershed decreased since March 1. The entire watershed is still 130% of the average for April 1. The basin is divided between excellent snow cover in the Northern areas to below normal snow pack in the South.

SOIL MOISTURE

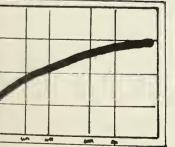
The soil moisture over the entire basin remains high and is better than last year. This condition will add to the river flows this summer. Soil moisture in the valley is also reported as fair to good.

RESERVOIR STORAGE



Water held in storage on the Arkansas River is much better than last year and about 90% of normal. The Arkansas River is flowing near normal and should contribute some to storage.

EXPECTED STREAMFLOW



The Arkansas River and its tributaries will flow average to much above this season. The main stem is expected to flow 160% of normal. The Purgatoire and Cucharas Rivers should produce near normal water supplies this season.

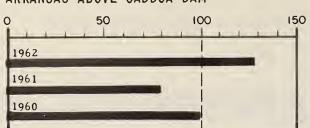
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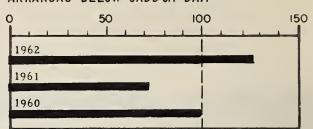
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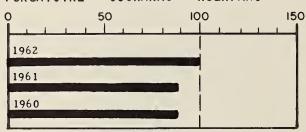
ARKANSAS ABOVE CADDOA DAM



ARKANSAS BELOW CADDOA DAM



PURGATOIRE - CUCHARAS - HUERFANO



RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 AC. FT.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	15 YEAR AVERAGE 1943 - 57
Adobe Creek	61.6	0	0	22.0
Clear Creek	11.4	10.4	5•5	5.8
Cucharas	40.0	8.0	2.1	4.5
Great Plains	150.0	39.9	22.9	50.8
Horse Creek	26.9	12.3	0	7.3
John Martin	366.6	34.0	20.9	58.8
Meredith	41.9	26.0	6.1	14.5
Model	15.0	4.8	5.1	2.5
Sugar Loaf	17.4	10.8	1.4	8.1

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PRECIPITATION

STATION	AUGUST THROUGH NOV-EMBER AVE. DEP.		winter ADEc-FebP		
Arkansas	8.36	+3.49	2.52	+•37	

PRELIMINARY U.S. WEATHER BUREAU DATA AVERAGE OF SELECTED STATIONS

MEASURED FIRST OF MONTH

SOIL MOISTURE

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Twin Lakes

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STATION	CAPACITY (INCHES)	THIS YEAR	TAST	AVERAGE ALL PAST DATA)
Carfield King Lake Creek LaVeta Pass Leadville	7.0 8.0 6.0 8.0 7.0	4.1 5.1 3.8 7.4 0.5	3.2 2.7 2.5 7.4 0.4	3.5 3.9 3.5 5.6 1.2

STREAMFLOW FORECAST (1,000 AC.

STREAM AND STATION	FORECAST APRIL - SEPT.		AVERAGE 1943-57
Arkansas at Pueblo (1) Arkansas at Salida (1) Cucharas near LaVeta Purgatoire at Trinidad	550	160	342
	540	159	339
	16	114	14
	52	100	52

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Clear Creek, Twin Lakes, and Sugar Loaf Reservoirs minus diversions through Busk-Ivanhoe and Twin Lake Tunnels and Ewing, Fremont Pass, Wurtz and Columbine Ditches.

ALL PROFILES 4 FEET DEEP

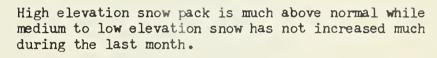
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SNOW COVER

SOIL MOISTURE



Head water areas of the Rio Grande, Alamosa and Conejos Rivers have high snow while snow pack on the Sangre de Cristo is barely normal.

Snow pack over the entire basin is about 145% of normal.

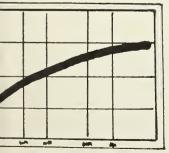
Moisture held in the soil is excellent. Some soils are reported as almost saturated. Some snow melted at low elevations adding to the soil moisture. Actually soil moisture is 213% of average.

RESERVOIR STORAGE



Reservoir storage is just about normal. None of the reservoirs are anywhere near full, but will probably fill during the runoff period.

EXPECTED STREAMFLOW



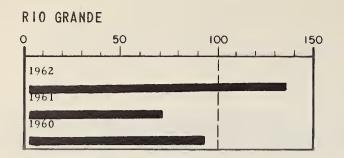
Water supplies should be adequate with some storage possible from expected runoff. The only river not expected to flow much above average is the Culebra. Snow cover in this area is light.

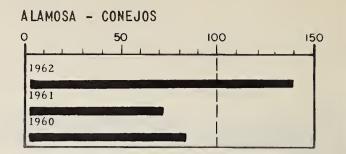
Forecasts range from 170% of normal on the Upper Rio Grande to 100% on Culebra.

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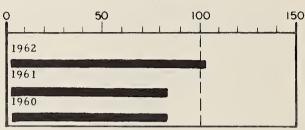
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IN PERCENT OF 1943-57 AVERAGE





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RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 AC. FT.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	15 YEAR AVERAGE 1943 - 57
Continental Platoro Rio Grande Sanchez Santa Maria Terrace	26.7 60.0 45.8 103.2 45.0 17.7	6.2 3.4 12.8 12.5 4.2 8.2	4.9 4.0 7.9 7.0 3.7 3.2	7.8 4.6 12.6 9.9 7.8 3.0
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PRECIPITATION

STATION	AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER AVE, DEP.	winter AVE. DEP. L Feb		
Rio Grande (Colo.)	8.26 +3.74	1.3'14		

PRELIMINARY U.S. WEATHER BUREAU DATA AVERAGE OF SELECTED STATIONS

SOIL MOISTURE

STREAMFLOW FORECAST (1,000 AC. FT

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STATION	CAPACITY (INCHES)	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE (ALL PAST DATA)			
Alberta Park Bristol View LaVeta Pass Mogote		6.0 7.4	7.4	2.5 1.8 5.6 2.0			

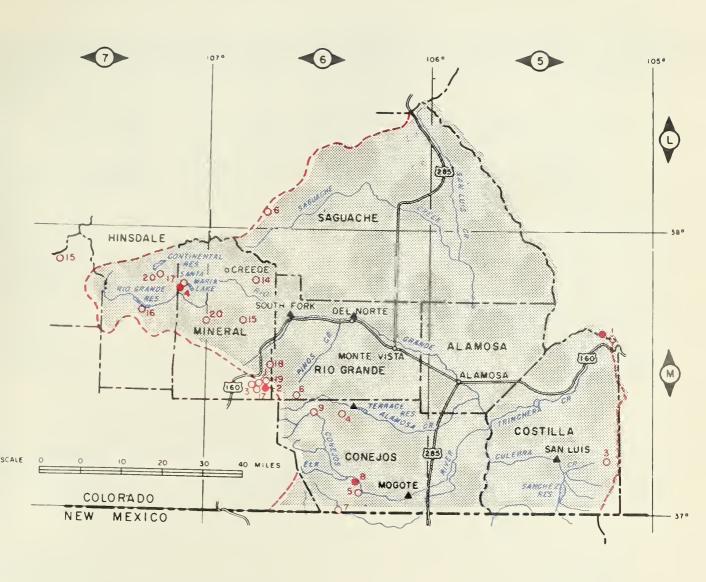
STREAM AND STATION	FORECAST APRIL - SEPT.		AVERAGE 1943-57
Alamosa above Terrace	110	155	71
Conejos near Mogote	210	137	197
Culebra at San Luis (2)	24	100	24
Rio Grande nr. Del Norte			
(1)	750	153	491
Rio Grande at Thirty Mi	le		
Bridge (1)	190	'170_	112

ALL PROFILES 4 FEET DEEP

⁽¹⁾ Observed flow plus thange in storage in Santa Maria, Rio Grande, aSouthinForkRater South Fork 164 136

⁽²⁾ Observed flow plus changes in storage in Sanchez Reservoir.

UPPER RIO GRANDE WATERSHED IN COLORADO







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SNOW		CURRE	NT INFORMA	TION	PAST RI	ECORD
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RIO GRANDE WATERSHED IN NEW MEXICO

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SNOW COVER

Snow cover varies from slightly above normal at low to medium elevations to much above normal at the high elevations. The snow pack in New Mexico is 138% of the 15-year normal while in Colorado snow is 145% of average. Snow increase was greater in New Mexico during March than in Colorado.

SOIL MOISTURE

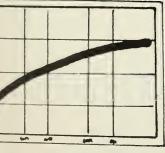
Soil moisture in the mountain areas of both states is excellent. Reporting stations indicate soils contain far more moisture than last year and considerably more than normal. This will increase the runoff this summer. Valley soils are reported as fair to good.

RESERVOIR STORAGE



Carry-over storage is below average and less than last year at this time. This condition should improve this year. Some storage should be possible with expected runoff.

EXPECTED STREAMFLOW



Streamflow should be more than adequate this summer. All streams are forecasted above normal. Because of the choice of 15-year normals, forecasts are much above average. Using Elephant Butte normals, flow of Rio Grande at San Marcial is forecasted at 132% while using 15-year, 1943-57 normal, expected flow is 212%. Flow on Canadian and Pecos Rivers should be good.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IN PERCENT OF 1943-57 AVERAGE

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RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 AC. FT.)

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RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	15 YEAR AVERAGE 1943 - 57
Alamorgordo Caballo Elephant Butte El Vado McMillan-Avalor Red Bluff (Tex Conchas	194.5 1 44.5 1 307.0 600.0	85.0 69.2 347.3 2.5 34.0	122.1 83.2 355.2 6.5 36.0 122.0 279.4	47.4 155.7 581.2 34.9 13.7 81.1 262.5
	MEASURED F	TIRST OF MON	ITH	

PRECIPITATION

STATION	AUGUST NOVEN	THROUGH MBER DEP.	win ave. Dec	TER DEP.
Lower Rio Grande Middle Rio Grande Upper Rio Grande		+2.72		+.36

PRELIMINARY U.S. WEATHER BUREAU DATA AVERAGE OF SELECTED STATIONS

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION	CAPACITY (INCHES)	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE (ALL PAST DATA)
Alberta Park (Colo) Aqua Piedra Bateman Big Tesuque Bristol View(Colo) Chamita (New Mex.) Fenton Hill Mogote (Colo) Red Summit Rio En Medio	9.0 7.2 6.7 3.7 7.0 8.0 6.5 7.0	 4.3 3.4 6.0 5.4 6.7 0.3	0.9 5.0 1.7 0.9 NS NS 6.5 0.6 0.7	2.5 2.7 2.9 1.7 1.8 3.1
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LOWER	RIO GRANDE		
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Rio Grande at San Marcial is Forecast at 132% of the Elephant Butte Irrigation
District's Normal.

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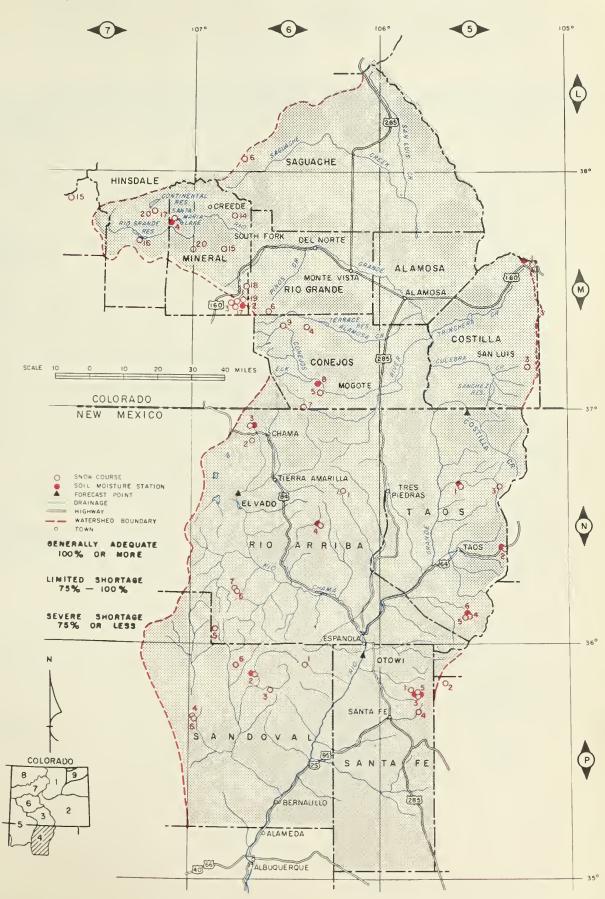
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Rio Grande at San Marcial	1195	189	633
(10)* t 132% of the Elephant Butte	920 Irrig	212 ation	434

⁽¹⁰⁾ Observed flow plus changes in storage in Santa Maria, Rio Grande, Continental, Terrace, Sanchez, Platoro and El Vado Reservoirs.

^{*} Rio Grande at Otowi and Rio Grande at San Marcial Forecast and Average Mar-July inclusive.

RIO GRANDE WATERSHED IN NEW MEXICO



SNOW		CURRE	NT INFORMA	TION	PAST F	ECORD
SNOW COURSE	NO.	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER C (INCHE	ONTENT CS) AVERAGE 1943 - 57
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Cochetopa Pass (Colorado) Culebra	5M3	3/26	28	5.7	6.2	5.4*
Cumbres Pass	6M7	4/1	38	9.6	9.3	9.9
	6M19	4/1	85	26.8	12.5	20.2
Hiway	6M15	3/28	92	33.7	20.9	4 2%
Lake Humphreys LaVeta Pass	5M1	3/28	38	11.3	4.1	6.3*
Pass Creek	6M18	3/29	28	9.2	10.0	8.1
	6M9	3/28	53	17.7	8.3 NS	18.7*
Platoro (A) Pool Table(A)	6M14	3/28	90	34.6	5.9	6.2*
Porcupine (A)	7M20	3/28	46	15.6	8.4	12.7*
River Springs	6M5	3/28	62	21.1	6.2	
Santa Maria	7M1.7	3/28	32	9.2	3.4	7.3
Silver Lakes	6M4	3/29	29	6.1	6.7	6.1
Summitville	6 M 6	3/28	36	9.5	16.9	20.5
Upper Rio Grande	7M16	3/28 3/28	83	29.9	9.0	7.3
Wolf Creek Pass	6M1	3/28	46 96	12.1	19.5	30.5
Wolf Creek Summit	6M17	3/28	111	40.8	24.7	29.5*
Aspen Grove (New Mexico)	5P1	3/29	19	38.1 5.8	4.6	2.7
Bateman	6N4	2/28	48	12.5	17.3	11.9*
Big Tesuque	5P3	3/29	21	5.6	5.9	4.5
Chama Divide	6N2	3/30	10	3.5	1.5	1.7
Chamita	6N3	3/30	37	10.5	8.5	8.5
Cordova	5N5	3/26	46	13.3	11.7	11.1
Elk Cabin	5P4	3/29	8	3.2	1.7	2.4*
Fenton Hill	6P2	NS NS		J•~	3.7	2.3*
Hematite Park	5N3	3/30	19	5.5	4.5	4.4
Panchue la	5P2	4/1	14	4.1	2.7	1.4
Payrole	6N1	3/29	37	9.3	NS	7.9
Quemazon	6P1	3/30	42	12.3	13.9	5.7*
Red River	5N1	3/30	32	9.4	5.5	6.9
Rio En Medio	5P5	3/29	37	10.6	6.6	5.8*
Taos Canyon	5N2	3/30	23	7.5	2.4	5.1
Taos Canyon Note: * -1943 - 57 (Adjusted Averages) Tres Ritos survey (A) - Air Observed (B) - On Adjacent drainage	5N4	3/27	24	7.1	6.8	4.2

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SNOW COVER

Snow pack increased normally during March. As of April 1 snow pack over these drainages is excellent. Low elevation snow is not as high percentage wise as the higher elevation snow pack, but still above normal.

Snow over San Juan Basin is 129%, Animas 129% and Dolores 121% of the 15-year normal.

Soil moisture in the mountain areas is excellent and should contribute to the spring runoff. Moisture in the valleys is reported as good. Some melting has already taken place at lower elevations.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Storage in Vallecito Reservoir is 64,000 acre feet. This is more water in storage than any time since 1958. Groundhog contains 6,000 acre feet compared to 4,000 last year and a normal of 7,000 acre feet.

EXPECTED STREAMFLOW

Streamflows will be adequate for all agricultural use this summer.

Streams in these basins should flow in the vicinity of 140% of normal. Streamflow is about normal currently with some melt already occurring.

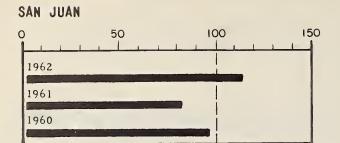
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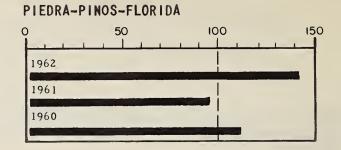
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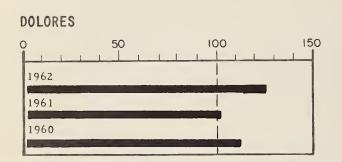
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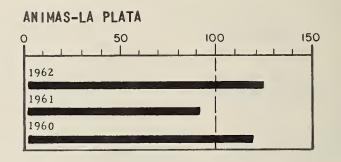
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IN PERCENT OF 1943-57 AVERAGE









RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 AC. FT.)

RESERVOIK	USABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	15 YEAR AVERAGE 1943 - 57
Groundhog	21.7	6.0	5.0	7.0
Vallecito	126.3	64.0	44.4	40.7

PRECIPITATION

TREOTT	TATION				
STATION	AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER AVE. DEP.	winter ^Dec-Feb.			
Dolores San Juan	8.17 +2.19 11.76+4.04	3.93 5.92	78 +.53		

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SOLL MOISTURE

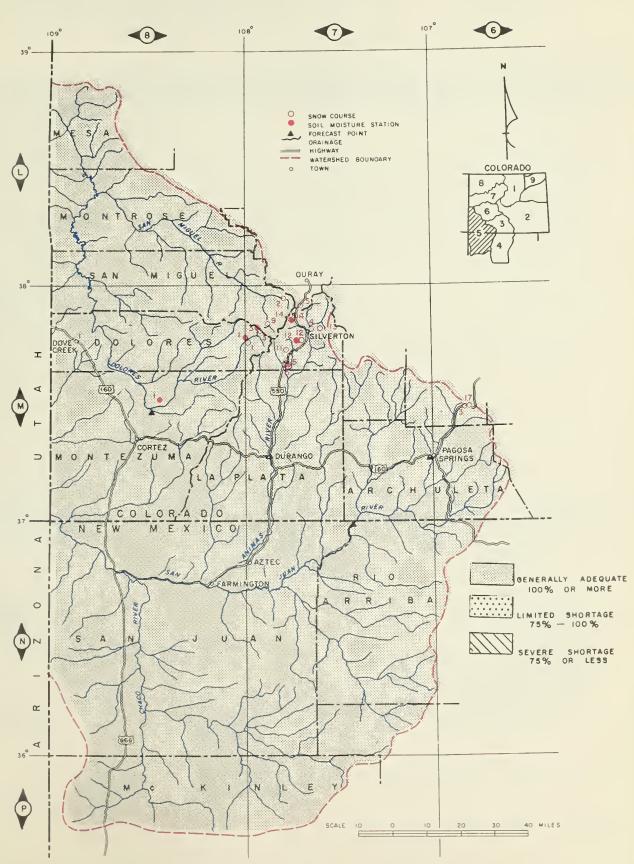
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STATION	CAPACITY (INCHES)	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE (ALL PAST DATA)
Cascade Dolores Lizard Head Mineral Creek Molas Lake Rico	7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0	5.0 2.6 5.4 4.8 2.2 4.9	NS 4.8 4.4 NS NS 3.9	5.6 1.8 3.6 4.2 2.7 2.9

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AVERAGE OF SELECTED STATIONS

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STREAMFLOW FO	RECAS	, (1,0	OU AC
STREAM AND STATION	FORECAST APRIL - SEPT.	THIS YEAR % AVERAGE	AVERAGE 1943-57
Animas at Dulango Dolores at Dolores Florida near Durango LaPlata at Hesperus Los Pinos near Bayfield Piedra Creek near Piedra San Juan at Rosa, N. Mei	a 270	135 125 121 143 148 145 141	475 279 62 28 220 186 587

SAN MIGUEL-DOLORES-ANIMAS-SAN JUAN RIVERS WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO & NEW MEXICO



SNOW		CURRE	NT INFORMA	TION	PAST R	ECORD
SNOW COURSE	NO.	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER CONTROL (INCHE	(S)
SAN JUAN RIVER Chama Divide (B) (New Mexico) Chamita (B) (New Mexico) Upper San Juan (Colorado) Wolf Creek Pass (B) Wolf Creek Summit ANIMAS RIVER Cascade Howardville Ironton Park (B) Mineral Creek Molas Lake Red Mountain Pass Silverton Sub-Station Spud Mountain DOLORES RIVER Lizard Head Rico Telluride Trout Lake	6N2 6N3 6M3 6M1 6M17 7M5 7M13 7M6 7M14 7M12 6M19 7M4 7M11 7M3 7M1 7M2 7M9	3/30 3/30 3/28 3/28 3/28 3/30 3/30 3/30 3/30 3/30 3/30 3/30 3/3	10 37 108 96 111 47 50 48 58 55 104 33 87 66 31 26 55	3.5 10.5 40.8 40.8 38.1 15.8 14.9 14.2 17.7 18.8 39.0 8.9 30.7 21.9 10.2 7.3 15.5	1.5 8.5 26.5 19.5 24.7 11.4 NS 13.0 13.4 10.4 29.6 5.9 21.8 14.9 6.0 7.2 11.0	1.7 8.5 33.9 30.5 29.5* 12.1 11.4* 13.1 14.1* 13.7* 30.3* 5.1 24.3* 17.6 7.7 6.8 13.2*

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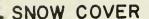
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GUNNISON RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

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Snow increase over the Gunnison basin was just about normal and remains about 133% of average. Snowfall was slightly below normal on the Uncompangre. Last month snow was 136% of average compared to 121% this month on the Uncompangre. Both drainages still have excellent snow packs.

SOIL MOISTURE

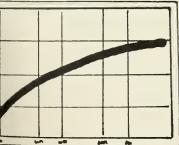
Soil moisture as measured April 1 is still excellent. As a whole, the four soil moisture stations on this drainage are 165% of normal and all are much better than last year at this time.

RESERVOIR STORAGE



Taylor Park Reservoir contains more water on this date than any time since 1958. Storage then was high due to the good water year of 1957. The reservoir will easily fill this year. Taylor Reservoir contains 82,000 acre feet compared to a normal of 62,200 acre feet.

EXPECTED STREAMFLOW



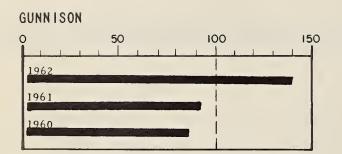
Forecasts on Gunnison, Surface and Uncompander Rivers are all about 140% of normal. Uncompander is the only one being forecast less than last month. This is primarily due to the less than normal snow increase.

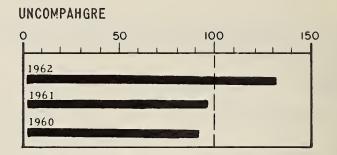
Water users will have an adequate water supply for their summer use.

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RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 AC. FT.)

PRECIPITATION

	USABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	VEAD	I5 YEAR AVERAGE 1943 - 57	STATION	AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER AVE. DEP.	winter AVE. Dec-Feb
Taylor	106.2	82.0	34.0	62,2	Gunnison	8.28 +3.83	5.22 +1.69

MEASURED FIRST OF MONTH

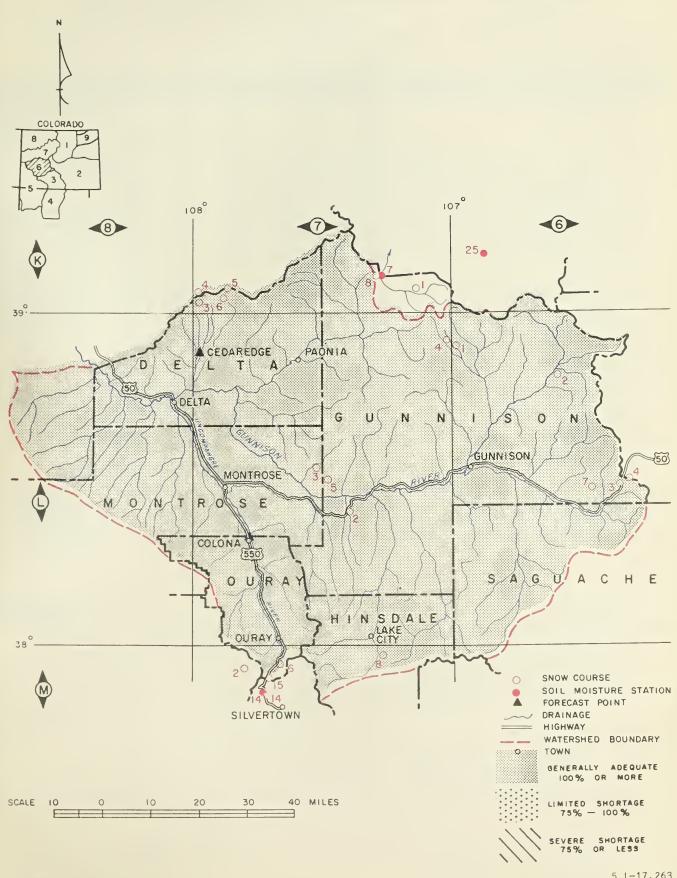
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SOIL MOISTURE

STREAMFLOW FORECAST (1,000 AC. FT.)

					 APRIL THROUGH SEP	LEMDEK		
STATION	CAPACITY (INCHES)	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE (ALL PAST DATA)	STREAM AND STATION	FORECAST APRIL SEPT.		AVERAGE 1943-57
King Maroon	8.0	5.1 7.2	2.7	3.9	Gunnison nr. Grand Jct. Surface Cr. at Cedaredge	1950 26	141 144	1386 18
Mineral Creek Placita	1	4.8 5.8	NS 0.1	4.2	Uncompangre at Colona	188	130	145
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GUNNISON RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO



SNOW		CURRE	NT INFORMA	TION	PAST R	ECORD
SNOW COURSE	NO.	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER C (INCHE	
GUNNISON RIVER Alexander Lake Black Mesa Blue Mesa Cochetopa Pass (B)	7K3 7L5 7L2 6L6	3/28 Delayed 3/29 3/26	38 28	31.0 10.2 5.7	18.7 13.1 7.2 6.2	22.8 5.4*
Crested Butte Keystone Lake City Long Draw Mesa Lakes (B)	61.1 71.3 7M8 71.4 7K4	3/27 3/27 3/28 Delayed 3/28	55 79 40 1 — 59	19.8 31.0 9.4 20.4	11.1 12.0 6.9 7.4 13.6	15.3 8.6*
Monarch Pass (B) McClure Pass Mineral Creek (B) North Lost Trail (B)	6L4 7K8 7M14 7K1	3/28 3/28 3/30 3/28	65 60 58 56	22.7 26.9 17.7 26.2	18.4 9.6 13.4 10.3	18.6 15.8* 14.1* 15.7
Park Cone Park Reservoir Porphyry Creek Trickle Divide (B) Tomichi	6L2 7K6 6L3 7K5 6L7	3/23 3/28 3/28 3/28 3/28	56 94 64 99 46	16.3 34.8 22.1 37.4 14.4	8.1 20.3 15.8 22.6 10.4	12.3 26.8 17.1 28.9
UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER Ironton Park Lizard Head Red Mountain Pass (B) Telluride Trout Lake	7M6 7M3 7M15 7M2 7M9	3/29 3/28 3/30 3/28 3/28	48 66 104 26	14.2 21.9 39.0 7.3 15.5	13.0 14.9 29.6 7.2 11.0	13.1 17.6 30.3* 6.8 13.2*
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COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

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Mountainous areas did not receive their normal amount of snow during March. Forecasts still remain high, because of the much above average snow pack layed down in the previous months. Currently some of the low elevation snow courses are below normal. The snow pack as a whole is about 125% of normal.

Soil moisture remains excellent. All stations are above average and some areas have more moisture stored in the soil than ever recorded before. This will increase the runoff and is one reason some of the forecasts may seem high.

RESERVOIR STORAGE



Carry-over storage is excellent. Both Granby and Green Mountain Reservoirs indicate less than a month ago. Spring runoff should easily fill both reservoirs.

EXPECTED STREAMFLOW



Runoff on the Colorado River main stem and tributaries is being estimated at a low of 114% of normal on the Blue River to 152% on the Roaring Fork.

Forecasts in some cases are higher than snow pack would indicate. This is primarily due to the excellent soil moisture.

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SNOW			NT INFORM	PAST RECORD		
SNOW COURSE	NO.	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER	WATER C	
		SURVEY	(INCHES)	(INCHES)	LAST YEAR	AVERAG 1943 - 5
COLORADO DIVER (MADERA)						
COLORADO RIVER (UPPER) Arrow	F25/					
Berthoud Pass	5 K 6	3/29	49	14.2	9.7	11.6
	5K3	3/30	56	18.7	11.9	15.0
Berthoud Summit	5K14	3/30	66	22.1	18.2	18.8
Blue River	6K21	3/30	36	9.9	5.4	
Cooper Hill	6K23	3/24	58	14.1	8.6	
Fiddlers Gulch	6K5	3/30	59	18.8	11.3	17.2
Fremont Pass	6K8	3/28	66	21.1	14.3	16.9
Frisco	6K13	3/29	33	8.2	5.7	8.7
Glen Mar Ranch	6K20	3/28	38	11.1	7.3	8.6
Gore Pass	6J11	3/28	43	14.7	6.6	10.9
Granby	5316	3/28	32	9.5	4.4	7.6
Grand Lake	5J19	3/26	41	10.8	4.6	8.9
Grizzly Peak	5K9	3/27	64	21.3	16.3	18.9
Hoosier Pass (B)	6K1	3/30	49	15.3	10.4	13.1
Jones Pass	5K21	3/28	52	17.3	12.6	10.1
Lake Irene	5 J 10	3/27	74		14.1	22.9
Lapland	5K7			31.6	5.5	12.1
Lulu	5J7	3/29	42	12.4		
Lynx Pass	6 K 6	3/30	69	25.3	10.5	17.6
McKenzie Gulch	6K28	3/28	54	19.2	8.9	12.7
Middle Fork Camp Ground	5K4	0.400	-			
Milner Pass	5J24	3/28	36	11.0	8.2	9.7
Monarch Lake	5J14	3/27	51	17.2	8.4	12.9
North Inlet Grand Lake		3/29	43	10.7	6.8	10.8
Pando	5J9	3/29	36	9.5	5.3	10.3
Phantom Valley	6K19	3/28	36	11.0	8.7	11.3
Ranch Creek	554	3/27	40	13.2	6.8	10.8
	5K18	3/29	42	10.9	6.9	
Shrine Pass	6K9	3/28	66	19.8	13.3	18.3
Snake River	5K16	3/29	35	8.6	4.6	9.2
Summit Ranch	6K14	3/29	30	8.0	5.7	9.3
Tennessee Pass	6K2	3/28	45	12.8	8.6	10.0
Vail Pass	6K15	3/28	64	23.5	10.8	18.5
Vasquez Creek	5K19	3/29	50	15.2	9.2	
Willow Creek Pass	6 J 5	3/28	54	18.0	9.8	13.6
OARING FORK RIVER	1 0			1010		
Aspen	7J22	3/26	28	22.4	10.1	
Independence Pass Tunnel	6K4	3/30	69	26.5	10.9	18.7
Ivanhoe	6K10	3/26	69	23.1	10.9	18.3
Lift	7K27	3/26		30.3	16.6	
McClure Pass	7 K 8	3/28		26.9	9.6	15.83
Nast	6 K 6	3/28	30	6.1	2.8	6.1
North Lost Trail	7Kl	3/28		26.2	10.3	15.7
LATEAU CREEK		J/ 20)0	20.2		±/•/
Alexander (B)	7K3	3/28	89	31.0	18.7	22.8
Mesa Lakes	7K4	3/28			13.6	17.4
Park Reservoir (B)	7K6	3/28			20.3	26.8
Trickle Divide	7K5			7.7.0	22.6	
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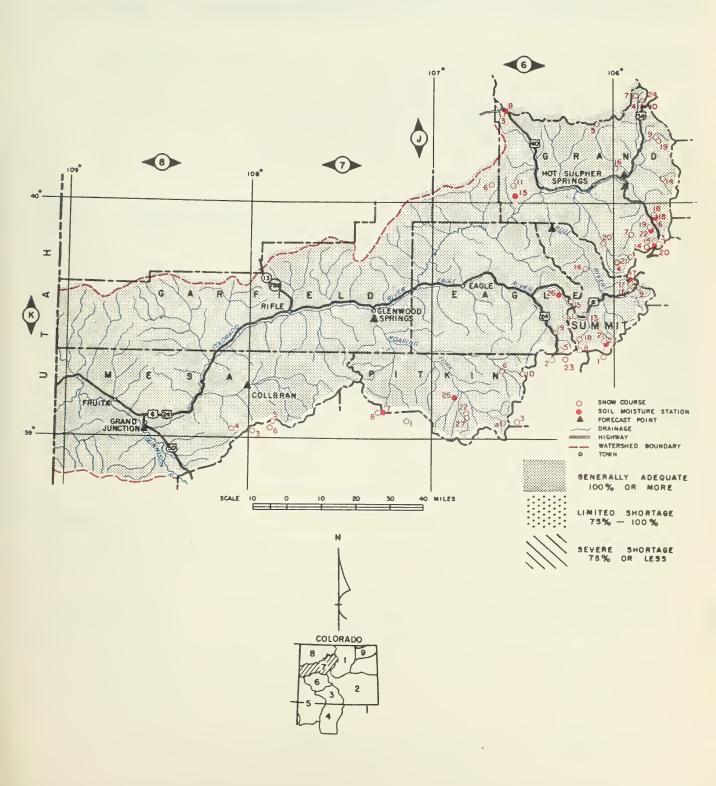
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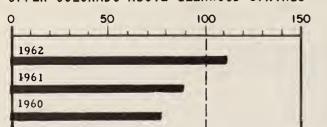
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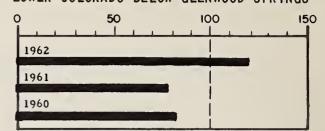


WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IN PERCENT OF 1943-57 AVERAGE

UPPER COLORADO ABOVE GLENWOOD SPRINGS



LOWER COLORADO BELOW GLENWOOD SPRINGS



RESERVOIR STORAGE (1.000 AC. FT.)

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RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR		I5 YEAR AVERAGE I943 - 57			
Granby *	465.5	334.4	224.2				
Green Mt.	146.9	38.9	60.2	57.7			

* Shorter Period

MEASURED FIRST OF MONTH

PRECIPITATION

STATION	AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER AVE. DEP.	WINTER AVE. DEP.
Upper Colorado	9.86 +4.59	5.10 +.72
Lower Colorado	8.26 +3.61	3.81 +.82

PRELIMINARY U.S. WEATHER BUREAU DATA AVERAGE OF SELECTED STATIONS

SOIL MOISTURE

AVERAGE CAPACITY THIS LAST STATION ALL PAST (INCHES) YEAR DATA) Berthoud Pass 8.0 6.8 4.0 2.9 7.0 5.7 0.1 1.5 Blue River 3.9 7.0 6.3 0.5 Gore 7.2 Marcon 8.0 0.1 1.6 Muddy Pass 8.0 5.2 0.7 2.2 5.8 4.2 8.0 0.1 Placita 3.0 Ranch Creek 7.0 5.5 1.8 3.7 8.0 6.0 0.8 Vail Pass 7.0 4.2 Vasquez 4.3

ALL PROFILES 4 FEET DEEP

STREAMFLOW FORECAST (1,000 AC. FT.

STREAM AND STATION	FORECAS APRIL - SEPT.		AVERAGE 1943-57
Blue River abv. Green Mt. Colo. R. nr. Granby (4) Colo. R. at Glenwood Sprg Plateau Cr. near Collbran Roaring Fork at Gl. Spgs. Williams Fork nr. Parshal Willow near Granby	(5) 21 (6) 12	30 114 40 145 00 136 66 116 25 152 07 137 65 148	235 1546 57 803 78

- (4) Observed flow plus diversions by Adams tunnel and Grand River ditch plus change in storage in Granby Reservoir.
- (5) Observed flow plus the changes as indicated in (4) plus Moffat Ditch.
- (6) Observed flow plus diversion through Twin Lakes tunnel.

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SNOW COVER

Snow pack increased just about normally over this entire basin. Only two areas show much change over last month. The Little Snake basin got a little additional snow while the Elk received slightly less than usual snow fall. Snow fall over the basin remains above normal.

SOIL MOISTURE

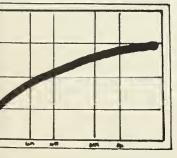
Moisture stored in the high mountain soil is better than any time on record. There was some snow melt at low elevations. This contributed to the soil moisture and is probably the reason some stations are near saturation.

RESERVOIR STORAGE



There are no major reservoirs on these drainages in Colorado

EXPECTED STREAMFLOW



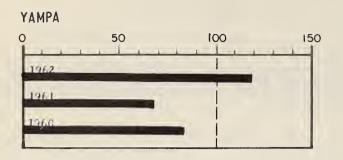
All streams in these basins should flow better than normally. The lowest flow expected will be over the Elk which is being forecast at only lll% of the 15-year normal.

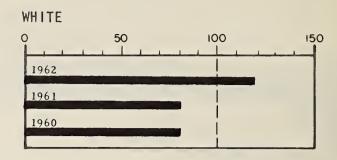
Water supplies will be adequate in all areas this summer.

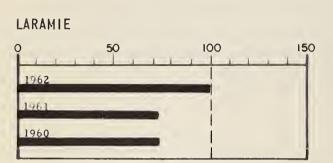
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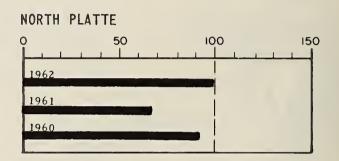
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IN PERCENT OF 1943-57 AVERAGE









SOIL MOISTURE

STREAMFLOW FORECAST(1,000 AC. FT.)

STATION	CAPACITY (INCHES)	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE (ALL PAST DATA)
Hahn's Peak Laramie Road Muddy Pass Two Mile Willow Pass	8.0 7.0 8.0 8.0 7.0	5.4	6.0 NS 0.7 0.7	1.7 2.2 2.6 2.7

	EMDER		
STREAM AND STATION	FORECAST APRIL - SEPT.		AVERAGE 1943-57
Elm at Clark Laramie at Jelm Little Snake at Lilly North Platte at Northgate White at Meeker Yampa at Steamboat Sprgs.	240 147 520 420 350	111 130 149 125 124	215 113 350 255 335 283

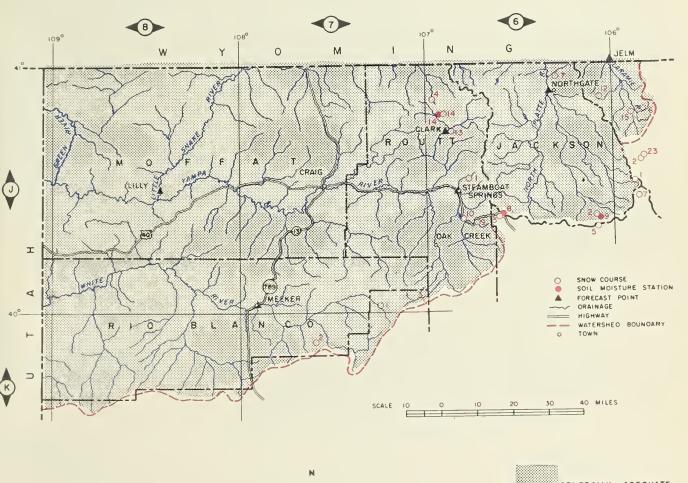
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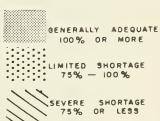
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YAMPA, WHITE, & NORTH PLATTE RIVERS WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO







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SNOW		CURRE	NT INFORMA	TION	PAST P	ECORD
SNOW COURSE	NO.	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER COUNTY (INCHE	
NORTH PLATTE RIVER Cameron Pass Columbine Lodge Deadman Hill (B) McIntyre (B) Northgate Park View Roach (B)	5J1 6J3 5J6 5J15 6J7 6J2 6J12	3/29 3/26 3/28 3/13 3/28 3/28 3/9	99 78 56 50 34 42 84	38.9 30.0 17.2 15.8 8.9 13.4 26.0	22.3 17.2 15.4 8.8 4.4 7.8 NS	24.9 24.7 16.8 11.4* 6.2* 9.7 20.0
Willow Creek Pass (B) YAMPA RIVER Bear River Clark	6J5 7J3	3/28	54 49	18.0	9.8 7.1	13.6
Columbine Lodge (B) Dry Lake Elk River Hahn's Peak	6J13 6J3 6J1 6J4 6J14	3/29 3/26 3/26 3/28 3/28	45 78 68 59 51	14.9 30.0 24.9 21.3 18.2	7.0 17.2 13.7 12.8 9.2	24.7 21.0 18.2
Lynx Pass (B) Rabbit Ears Yampa View WHITE RIVER	6J6 6J9 6J10	3/28 3/26 3/26	54 86 52	19.2 32.2 18.2	8.9 19.5 9.9	12.7 28.5* 15.5*
Burro Mountain Rio Blanco	7K2 7J1	3/26 3/29	66 50	28.5 17.8	13.0 11.8	18.6

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LOWER SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

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SNOW COVER

Snow cover over the entire South Platte watershed averages 115% of normal. Warm temperatures and below normal snow fall during the past month decreased the low elevation snow pack since March 1. Water content of the snow pack ranges from 75% of normal at low elevations to 160% at the higher levels.

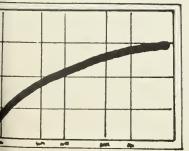
SOIL MOISTURE

Mountain soil moisture in the South Platte watershed is near a record high. This condition will increase the flow expected from melting snows. The lower valleys are all reporting excellent soil moisture.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Water held in storage on the lower South Platte system is about 115% of average. Reservoirs on the Big Thompson project are filled to near capacity. This water will be an excellent supplement to irrigation needs this season.

EXPECTED STREAMFLOW

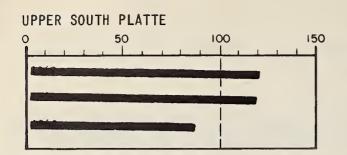


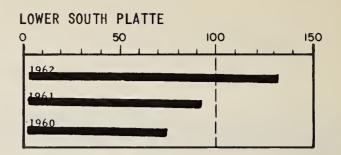
All tributaries to the South Platte River will flow better than average this season. Above average streamflow, excellent soil moisture, and above normal reservoir storage will assume good water supplies this irrigation season.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IN PERCENT OF 1943-57 AVERAGE





RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 AC. FT.)

SOIL MOISTURE

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	15 YEAR AVERAGE 1943 - 57	STATION	CAPACITY (INCHES)	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE (ALL PAST DATA)
Carter *	108.9	102.6	85.6	64.8	Alpine Camp	7.0	3.3	1.3	1.2
Cheeseman	79.0	77.9	70.0	49.2	Beaver Dam	6.0	4.6	-	1.0
Eleven Mile	81.9	97.8	97.8	69.2	Feather	6.0	0.6	0.1	0.7
Empire	37.7	33.6	30.9	29.1	Guard Station		2.7		
Horsetooth *	143.5		112.2	99.4	Hoop Creek	1		0.4	1.0
Jackson Lake	35.4	32.2	33.7	33.6	Hoosier Pass	6.0	5.1	_	1.4
Julesburg	28.2	19.1	22.2			7.0	4.6		1.7
Point of Rocks			70.0	21.4	Kenosha Pass	7.0	1.6	0.1	1.7
Prewitt		68.9		58.2	Laramie Road	7.0			1.7
	32.8	27.7	21.4	19.8	Two Mile	8.0	5.4	0.7	2.6
Riverside	57.5	56.8	56.1	47.9	Clear Creek	8.0	4.2	0.5	1.3
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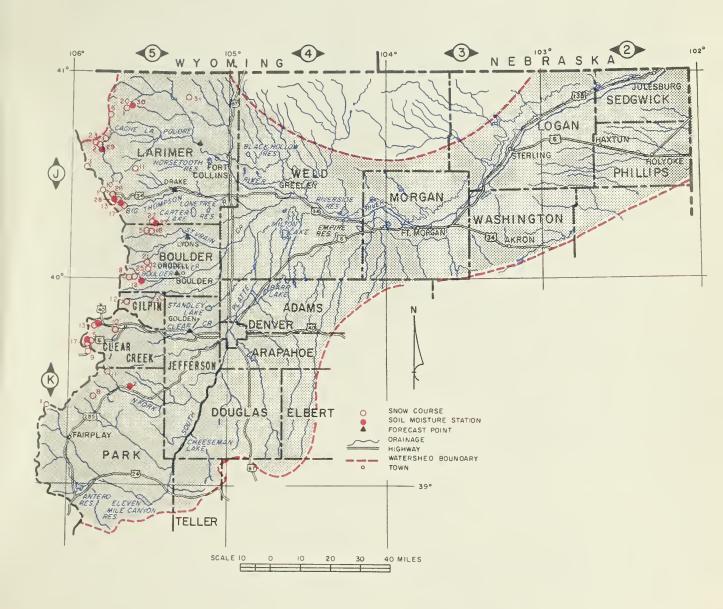
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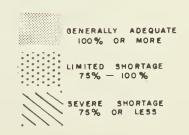
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STATION Upper So. Pl. Lower So. Pl.			Big Thompson at Drake (2) Boulder at Orodell Cache La Poudre at Canon(1) Clear Creek at Golden (3) Saint Vrain at Lyons	142 64 210 180 93	134 116 111 130 111	106 55 189 137 84

AVERAGE OF SELECTED STATIONS

LOWER SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO







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	SURVEY	(INCHES)	(INCHES)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1943 - 57
	3/30	31			****
					14.6*
					2.7
	3/30	47	12.5		15.4*
	3/29	99	38.9	22.3	24.9
5J2	4/1	37	10.1	6.7	8.8
5J18	3/29	13	4.0	4.3	5.3*
5J6	3/28	56	17.2	15.4	16.8
5J17	3/31	29	9.4	4.3	5.9*
5K10	3/30	36	9.7	8.0	7.8*
5K11	NS			2.6	4.2*
5K9	3/27	64	21.3	16.3	18.9
5J13		53	16.1	10.3	12.4
6K1		49	15.3	10.4	13.1
5J11	3/28	26	6.9	6.2	9.2
5K8	3/28	37	11.7	8.4	9.8
5J10	3/27	74	31.7	14.1	22.9
5J22	3/31	43	11.8	7.3	11.7*
5J23	4/1	47	13.1	8.5	11.8*
5K5	3/29	55	19.2	15.3	15.8
5K24		88	30.7	21.5	~~
5J31		6	2.3	5.2	
5J20		29		8.9	8.8
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